

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re application of

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For: **IMAGE TRANSFER APPARATUS AND INSERTION PLATFORM USED THEREFOR**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 9 - 10, please delete the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS and replace it with the following new one:

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Fig. 2 is a partial sectional side view for explaining the image transfer using the image transfer apparatus in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of an insertion platform 2' in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4(a) and Fig. 4(b) show a plan view A and a front view B of the insertion platform in Fig. 3.

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Figs. 5(a), 5(a'); 5(b), 5(b') and 5(c), 5(c') show steps to conduct the insertion of a superimposed sheet by using a mark and cutout in Fig. 3.

Fig. 6(a) and Fig 6(b) show the second embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 7(a) and Fig. 7(b) show the third embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 8 is a partial sectional perspective view of the conventional image transfer apparatus.

Fig. 9 is a view for explaining the shape of a heat roller pair 41 and 42.

Fig. 10 is a view for explaining the image transfer using the image transfer apparatus in Fig. 8.

Fig. 11 is a view for explaining another image transfer using the image transfer apparatus in Fig. 8.

Fig. 12 is a partial sectional perspective view of the image transfer apparatus according to the preceding invention.

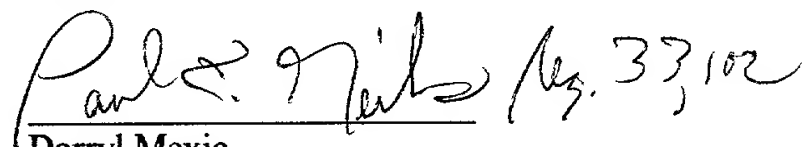
Fig. 13 is a view for explaining the image transfer using the image transfer apparatus in Fig. 12.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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